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biological father and come in and claim custody. He's going to have his day in court. He's going to have his opportunity and the court can require tests...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR MATZKE: ...to determine, to make sure that paternity is there. Does that answer your question?

SENATOR WITEK: Well, to some degree, but then I'm thinking what if...okay, I know this is a lot of what if, but, okay, if this individual thinks that he is the biological father and files with the biological father registry and then they go through the adoption procedure and then they're going to have to check. So they're essentially going to have to check every single father who...

SENATOR MATZKE: No.

SENATOR WITEK: ...who registers?

SENATOR MATZKE: No, no. If he files with the registry and then you get into the adoption proceedings, he's given notice, he's given notice by registered mail. He then has to make a decision, does he want to go into court and contest the adoption and claim custody or not. If he doesn't do it, he's out. If he does go into court and wants to parent and wants to claim custody then it becomes his day in court and the court has to decide what's in the best interest of the child. And then that's final, that's the advantage of the law,...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR MATZKE: ...there's a degree of finality.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Witek. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President and members. Senator Matzke, would you respond to a question?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Matzke.

SENATOR MATZKE: Yes.

SENATOR HALL: With the change in the amendment, the